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SUBJECT: MAJOR PROJECT: GOVERNMENT FUNDED LOW COST
HOUSING PROGRAM

1. MAJOR EXPORT PROJECTS DIVISION USDOC RECEIVED REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE FROM SURINAM-AMERICAN TRADE DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION (SATDC). SATDC HAD LEARNED THAT THE SURINAM GOVERNMENT DESIRED TO TAKE STEPS TO ALLEVIATE HOUSING PROBLEMS. SATDC ACCORDINGLY SENT A SAMPLE HOUSING UNIT TO PARAMARIBO. HOUSE HAS REPORTEDLY BEEN INSPECTED AND APPROVED BY MINISTRY OF HOUSING AND AN EXPORT LICENSE GRANTED (SUBJECT TO SOME MODIFICATIONS). SATDC IS SOMEWHAT CONCERNED THAT IT HAS HEARD NOTHING FURTHER SINCE JANUARY 1977 AND WONDERS WHETHER THIS IS DUE MERELY TO THE POLITICAL IMPLICATIONS INVOLVED IN A DECISION ON HOUSING PROGRAMS DURING AN ELECTION YEAR OR IF THERE IS SOME PARTICULAR PROBLEM WHICH HAS ARISEN WITH SATDC'S PROPOSAL.
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2. FYI. PHILADELPHIA OFFICE OF SATDC IN PERSON OF GRAHAM STODDART-STONES ADVISED MEPD THAT PROBLEM IS SOMEWHAT GREATER THAN ABOVE IN THAT SATDC LOCAL AGENT, CYRIL KARG, IS NOW IN JAIL. GOVERNMENT HAS PREFERRED NO CHARGES AS YET BUT OFFICIAL CHARGE WILL HAVE TO DO WITH FRAUD IN A

FOOD PACKING OPERATION. STONES SPECULATES IT MAY
REALLY BE TO KEEP KARG IMMOBILE IN AN ELECTION YEAR -
STONES BELIEVES KARG IS SECRETARY OF A POLITICAL PARTY.
STONES' ONLY SOURCE OF INFO UP TO NOW HAS BEEN KARG
HIMSELF - IMPRISONMENT PUTS SHADOW ON HIS REPORTS. END
FYI. WOULD MUCH APPRECIATE EMBASSY DISCREETLY CHECKING
SITUATION AND ADVISE. VANCE

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